

## DUELING BANJOS

Dueling Banjos is a tune that represents the process by which natural (non-music reading) musicians get to know each other and begin playing together. It consists of five different elements.

For the most part, the elements get played in a **call and response pattern**—the leader plays something and then the follower plays the same thing.

The five elements are:

**Sequences:** these are little pieces of scales.

**Chords:** a rhythmic pattern of two chords

**Melody:** a short tune

**Yankee Doodle:** the tune split into two parts—the first phrase (“Yankee Doodle went to town”) used as a call and the second phrase (“Riding on a pony”) as a response

**Fast Chords:** the main part of the music is a sequence of chords.

## Boomwhackers/Keyboard

Need these boomwhackers: G, A, B, C, D, E, F, F#

Call and Response:

G sequence: GGGABCD CB

C sequence: CCCDEFG FE

D sequence: DDDEF#GAG F#

Chords (3 notes at once)

DDD G D

BBB E B

GGG C G

Melody: BCDBCABGA

Yankee Doodle:

(Call): GGABGBA

(Response): GGABGF#

Fast Chords: (4 beats/chord)

CGDGCGDG

## Banjo

Call and Response:

G sequence G B  
0002 01310

C sequence B E  
1113 01310

D sequence B E  
333 0 23532

Chords: GGGCG

Melody:

B G B G  
01301 2 0 02

Yankee Doodle:

Call:

G B G B G  
002 0 0 0 2

Response:

G B G D  
002 0 0 4

Fast Chords: (4 beats/chord)

CGDGCGDG

## Guitar

Call and Response:

G sequence G B  
0002 01310

C sequence B E  
1113 01310

D sequence B E  
333 0 23532

Chords:

GGGCG

Melody

B G B G  
01301 2 0 02

Yankee Doodle:

Call:

G B G B G  
002 0 0 0 2

Response:

G B G D  
002 0 0 4

Fast Chords: (4 beats/chord)

CGDGCGDG

## Mandolin

Call and Response:

[G sequence]

G	D	G
000245	0	54

[C sequence]

G	D
555	023532

[D sequence]

D	A	D
000245	0	54

Chords:

G  
00050

Melody

A	D	A
2352302	5	0

Yankee Doodle:

Call:

D	A	D	A
55	02	5	20

Response:

D	A	D
55	02	54

Fast Chords (4 beats each):

C G D G C G D G

## Fiddle

Call and response:

G sequence

G	D	G
000123	0	32

C sequence

G	D
333	01 lo2 3 lo2 1

D sequence

D	A	D
000123	0	32

Chords

G  
00030

Melody

G	D	G
23	0	231201

Yankee Doodle:

Call

G  
0012021

Response:

G  
001201

Fast Chords (4 beats each):

C G D G C G D G